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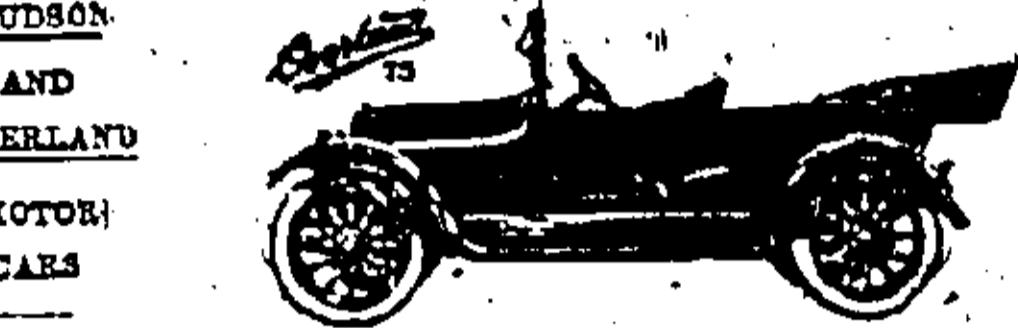
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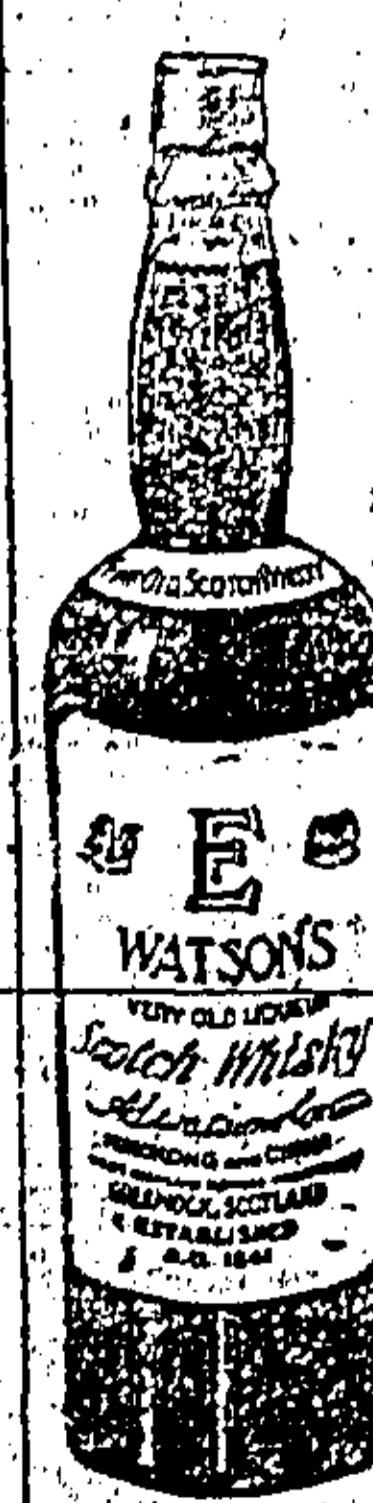
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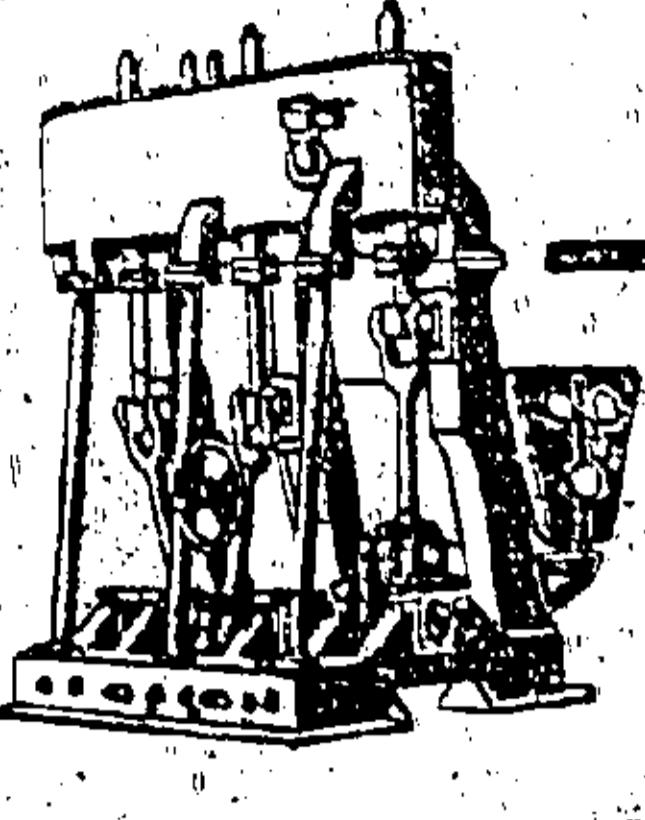
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THE DECISIVE PHASE.

FRENCH WAR MINISTER ON THE POSITION.

PARIS, March 28.

General Painlevé, Minister for War, in urging the necessity for calling up the 1918 class, said: "We are entering on the decisive phase of the war; but decisive is not synonymous with short. The German retreat has proved the strength and co-ordination of the British and French. It does not mean that the German armies are weakening, but rather that the enemy are mustering their strength for a desperate effort."

CONTINUED PROGRESS BY THE FRENCH.

LONDON, March 28.

A French communiqué states: Between the Somme and the Oise there has been violent reciprocal artillery activity on our front Rousy-Essigny-Benay, where our fires stopped dead several attempts to attack.

South of the Oise we followed up our success, capturing all the Lower Forest country villages of Petit Barisis, Veneuil, Coucy-la-Ville. Our advanced elements at some points reached the western outskirts of the Forest of St. Gobain and the upper part of Coucy. The losses in this region were slight.

North of Soissons we made important progress north of Neuville-sur-Margival and north-east of Leuilly.

A successful "coup-de-main" in Argonne resulted in twenty prisoners.

There was a somewhat violent artillery duel at Verdun in the direction of Hill 304 and north of Bezonvau.

LATER.

A French communiqué states: "There is nothing to report between the Somme and the Oise.

There has been lively artillery work in the region east of the lower Forest of Coucy.

We again progressed north of Ailette and also in the sector east of Leuilly and Neuville-sur-Margival where we captured several points d'appui.

There was a most violent artillery struggle in the region between Butte-de-Mesnil and Maison-de-Champagne.

GERMAN REPORT.

A German official message in the Wireless Press states: "We counted 1,000 dead Englishmen in the battlefield between Lagincourt and Morbecq since the 26th inst., which is evidence of the success of our plan."

A French advance on the west bank of the Oise near La Fere collapsed with sanguinary losses.

We captured trenches southward of Ripont and took 300 prisoners. A counter-attack drove off French detachments which penetrated northward of Rethiers.

Thaw has reduced the fighting on the East front.

We penetrated Russian positions on the north-eastern slope of Conon in the wooded Carpathians and returned with prisoners and booty.

We stormed a fortified ridge south of the Uz Valley and took 150 prisoners. Counter-attacks failed.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

VISITED BY BRITISH AND FRENCH GENERALS.

HOME, March 28.

General Sir William Robertson spent a week visiting the Middle and Lower Isonzo and the Trentino fronts. He was received in audience by the King who invested him with a high decoration.

A. Gladstone, French General simultaneously visited the front.

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NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Fudder Street, on FRIDAY the 30th instant at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 30th March both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, March 9, 1917. 1525

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NOTICE is hereby given that the TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Club Rooms, Kings Building on FRIDAY, 30th March, 1917 at 6.15 P.M.

By ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE,
J. A. TARRANT,
Chairman.

Hongkong, March 23, 1917. 1611

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 1st March to SATURDAY, 31st March, 1917 both days inclusive.

The return of Capital of \$2,50 per share will be paid to Shareholders on and after the 15th March, 1917, on presentation of Share Certificates for endorsement.

By Order of
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1917. 1523

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of FIVE DOLLARS per Share has been declared and will be payable at the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation on or after WEDNESDAY the 4th April.

The REGISTER of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 3rd March to WEDNESDAY, 4th April, both days inclusive, during which days no Transfer of Shares can be made.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be ready on WEDNESDAY the 4th April, and may be obtained on application.

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, March 21, 1917. 1601

SWEEP CHANNEL—EASTERN ENTRANCE—HONGKONG.

SHIPS are cautioned that they should approach and leave the harbour by the swept channel and that deviation from it is attended with risk. The channel is swept between the hours of sunrise and 7.30 A.M. and should not be used between these times.

In the event of ships arriving in the swept channel before the sweeping is completed they are warned that it is dangerous to approach vessels employed sweeping the channel or to attempt to pass between pairs of vessels sweeping.

The Vessels sweeping carry a bell at the masthead and another bell in a position where the yard would be and on that side on which it is dangerous for vessels to pass.

All signals made by the vessel superintending the sweeping are to be strictly obeyed.

C. W. BECKWITH,
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Hongkong, March 27, 1917. 1619

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Hongkong, Feb. 18, 1917. 1510

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N.B.—The word "throughout" used in this Notice means that the houses should be limeashed in respect of all the Walls of each Room, all Cupboards, Partitions, Stair Casings and Stair Linings, all Ceilings and the Undersides of Roofs in Main Buildings, Offices and Servants' Quarters and inclusive of Verandas.

The Backyard must have its Containing Walls Limeashed up to the level of the First Floor.

Carved, Painted or Polished Woodwork in good condition, however, need not be Limeashed, but must be Cleaned.

The WESTERN Division of the City lies to the West of Taik Lane and Cleverly Street.

ADAM GIBSON,

Secretary.

Dated this 24th day of March, 1917.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE special attention of the Public is directed to the undermentioned Regulations which form part of the Instructions made by the Governor in Council under Section 3 of the Electricity Supply Ordinance, 1911, on the 15th March, 1917.

33.—"Any person making any addition to any electrical installation connected to the Company's main without obtaining the written consent of the company thereto shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100 for every such addition."

34.—"Any consumer upon whose premises any such addition shall be found shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100 for every day or part of a day during which such addition shall have been in existence. In this regulation "consumer" means the person in whose name the contract for the supply of electricity to such premises was made with the Company, or if there be no such person, the principal tenant or person in actual occupation of the premises which such addition shall be found."

Having regard to the possibility of a breakdown of the Company's present plant through unauthorised additions to existing installations the Public is earnestly requested to co-operate with the Company by bringing to the Company's notice any contraventions of the above regulations.

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VISCOUNT BRYCE ON GERMAN DESPERATION.

A STEP NEARER PEACE.

Viscount Bryce, formerly British Ambassador at Washington, speaking recently in London on the subject of Germany's declaration of war zones and the menace to neutrals, said:—

"This is the first definite step that brings us nearer peace. It looks like the beginning of the end. Up till now many thought the outcome of the war might be a drawn game, but now the German Government, recognising approaching economic exhaustion and the growing scarcity of supplies, has become desperate and is resorting to desperate measures. Seeing no other hope of success, it is throwing over every remaining restraint of law and proclaiming its contempt of neutral opinion."

"It undertook the invasion of Rumania in the belief that victory there would startle the world, would appall discontents in Germany and enable it to dictate peace on its own terms. . . . But she underestimated the resolution and confidence of the Allies. When the Allies unanimously rejected the offer, because they knew it could not secure a durable peace, but would merely give her time for resting till she was ready to resume her attack, the German Government grew desperate, and determined to try desperate expedients. Hence those submarine threats, which almost amount to a declaration of war against neutrals."

"We need not be surprised, for the whole conduct of the German Government has been of a piece. They began by invading Belgium, an innocent country with which they had no quarrel, merely to gain a military advantage. They drowned innocent passengers and crews of passenger and merchant ships, many of them neutrals, 1,200, on the Lusitania alone. They stood by and tacitly acquiesced in the plan of their Turkish allies to exterminate the whole Christian nation of Armenians, with unbound cruelty, when they could have stopped the massacres, by warning the Turks to desist. Instead, they have been conferring honours on the bloodthirsty ruffian, Enver (Turkish War Minister), the principal author of the massacres.

And now they are carrying into slavery many thousand peaceful Belgian workmen, who are driven by force to toil against their own country.

"All these acts show absolute disregard not only of international law and treaty obligations but what is far worse, soon for the first principles of justice and humanity. This is what made us in England feel that no peace can be made with such a Government until it has been defeated. Nothing less than defeat will show the German people that they must get rid of such rulers."

In order to give readers an idea of the scarcity of food stocks, even in Hungary, on whose generosity the 35 millions of people in Austria depend for cereals, I need only mention an interpolation in the Hungarian Chamber last week by M. Charles Huguet, who asked the Minister of Agriculture "if he proposes to go on with the commandeering of cereals in the same way as has been done for the last two months, and deprive the peasant population of even such quantities as two or three quarters of grain, wheat, and maize?" The requisitioning Commissions, visiting villages, farms, and peasant houses one by one, are taking every ounce of cereals from the peasants, so much so that these cannot even feed their live stock and are slaughtering lean pigs and selling their horses. Owing to the lack of horses, harvesting operations will be seriously affected, but to all such things the authorities can pay no heed, for their orders are to collect everything everywhere, the army needing all the available stock immediately. The Minister of Agriculture, in reply to Mr. Huguet, said that he could not countermand orders coming from headquarters, and that he could only protest.

MILITARY TYRANT.

The fact is that the time has come when the question of feeding even the army—apart altogether from the civilian population—gives rise to the gravest apprehensions. As regards the food troubles of the civilian population, the Government, and particularly the military authorities, have adopted an attitude of callous indifference. All they have done has been to appoint Food Directors, who have been continually engaged in bargaining with the military authorities to secure a trifling allowance for civilians, and in distributing the scanty stocks thus obtained, more or less fairly among the people. The Food Bureau distribute flour—a mixture of wheat and maize flour—among the countries, and the local authorities distribute this among the villages. The work has to be done, however, by an insufficient staff, and the consequence is that there are villages where sometimes the people get no flour for a fortnight at time, and have to live on such quantity of potatoes as is left to them by the requisitioning officials.

The main fact I wish to point to is that although the peasantry and the landowners have been stripped of everything in the way of cereals—their stock of seed has been taken from them in many cases—the army has not enough food to carry it through the winter. The local authorities in the different districts have petitioned the Government to supply food for distribution among the poor, but the Government can do nothing, for the military authorities are averse. And the one thought of the military authorities is to get the army to feed the army until such time as the new crops are available.

Peace, convenience, comfort?

Another argument will only bring us July, and even then the harvest does not begin until the middle of July, which means that the supply of flour

AUSTRIA'S RESISTING POWER.

DUAL MONARCHY NEARING THE END.

ARMY ON HALF-RATIONS.

July will only see part of the Rumanian wheat harvest in the form of flour. In Hungary, even in peace time, harvesting did not finish until the middle of August, and now four was never to be had before the end of September. We know that the army must be fed, and will fed, too, for on this depends the fate of that gigantic organisation. Even if a Peace Conference were called together tomorrow peace would probably still be some months off, and it is not at all probable the blockade would be raised in the meantime, that is to say, while the negotiations were in progress. . . . The people are already desperate, and the troops may become desperate, too, as soon as they experience on their own persons the horrors of the present food shortage.

"TURNED-OFF" LABOUR.

8,000,000 BRITISH DISCHARGED AFTER THE WAR.

The Joint Committee on Labour Problems After the War, appointed by the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress, the Labour Party, the General Federation of Trade Unions, and the Workers' National Committee, have issued a report. According to this, the number of persons on Government service or supported out of Government funds, who, it is anticipated, will be discharged as the end of the war, is estimated at between six and eight millions, representing nearly half the wage-earning population of the United Kingdom. No such colossal "turning-off" of hands has ever taken place in any country. All these, of course, it is pointed out, will not be discharged simultaneously, but it is probable that within three months of peace being declared some two or three millions of workers will have been "turned off."

As regards demobilisation, the Committee calculate that the rate of discharge cannot exceed five thousand men per day. Assuming this to be correct, over six months would be occupied in discharging even one million men.

The Committee suggest that the Government should be asked to make the same provision for the discharged munition worker as was promised by the late Government for the discharged soldier. As regards machinery for finding new situations, it is held that this will best be provided by the trade unions, each of which should endeavour to compile a list of all its members serving and ascertain from them to which towns and what situations they desire to return. In view of the part which the Employment Exchanges must necessarily play in the task, and the "grave suspicion" with which they have, up to the present, been viewed by the trade union movement, their administration and control must, it is contended in the report, be greatly reformed.

WAR AND MATRIMONY.

Upholders of the social proprieties (of whom there are a larger number left than most people suppose) are becoming much exercised about the extraordinary jumlah that has taken place in the ranks of society through hasty weddings. Hundreds of marriages have taken place that could never have happened in any other circumstances. Young men and young women have married very much "above" and "below" their former station in life. A very handsome girl of a notable family was asked "the other day who her fiance's people were." "I haven't the slightest idea," she replied, "but I am going to stay there next week and shall find out." Another peculiarity about these matches is that they are so sudden and unpremeditated that it is not to be expected that they can strike very deep roots, and when one is ended—very often by the death of the soldier—the lady not infrequently becomes engaged again within a year. It is not heroic but it is merciful that it should be so.

Again, the war has been the end of much worldliness. Dukes' daughters are marrying social nobodies and finding it delightful innovation, and bewildered parents have given up all attempts to control their children's matrimonial careers. I heard recently of a newly made mother-in-law who ventured to ask the bride where she had met her son. "At a 'trial,'" was the brief reply. "Why?" One would like Mrs. Prudie's ghost to have been present at that moment. "But what can you expect?" said a disheartened parent the other day, summing up a discussion on the point.

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THE CALENDAR.

MEMO. FOR TO-DAY
9.15 p.m.—Performance by Clarke's
Circus at Kowloon.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

11 a.m.—Auction of Household
Furniture at 85 Nathan Road.

noon—China Sugar Refining Co.'s
Meeting.

1.30 p.m.—St. Stephen's College
Athletic Sports.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household
Furniture at Messrs. Hughes and
Hough.

Peak School, Sports at Hon. Mr.
Severn's residence.

6.15 p.m.—Annual Meeting of the
Phoenix Club Ltd.

Entries close for Open Rifle Champion-
ship Meeting.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, March 31—
H.R.H. Prince Henry's Birthday (1900).

SUNDAY, April 1—
Palm Sunday.

MONDAY, April 2—
Annual Action of the S. L. "Ying
Ling" at Sham Shui Po.

TUESDAY, April 3—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household
Furniture etc. at "Oliver," No. 12,
Peak Road.

4 p.m.—Senate Board Election.

THURSDAY, April 5—
Maundy Thursday.

FRIDAY, April 6—
Good Friday—General Holiday.

SATURDAY, April 7—
General Holiday.

Open Life Championship Meeting.

9.45 p.m.—Full moon.

SUNDAY, April 8—
Easter Day.

King of Belgians born (1875).

MONDAY, April 9—
Last Monday—General Holiday.

TUESDAY, April 11—
Bank Holiday for Gymkhana on April

12th.

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should not be penalized by import
and export charges other than of
a limited nature, which would not be
detrimental to its volume of trade.
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reached in regard to future German
shipping in Hongkong, one thing is
certain and that is that the old
freedom of the port has gone for
ever.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

St. Stephens' College hold their
annual athletic sports to-morrow, com-
mencing at half-past one.

The King's gift to a recent Red
Cross Sale consisted of a Chinese
sacrificial bowl, over 2,100 years old.

Members of the Phoenix Club are
reminded of the annual meeting in the
Club's premises to-morrow at 6.15 p.m.

A Chinese was yesterday struck by
motor car No. 46, of the Far Eastern
Garage, and taken to the Government
Civil Hospital.

The 39th ordinary annual meeting
of the China Sugar Refining Company
will be held in Messrs. Jardine, Matheson
& Co.'s offices to-morrow at noon.

The teachers and pupils of the
Peak School will carry out a programme
of sports at the residence of the Hon.
Mr. Claud Severn to-morrow afternoon.

Manila has given its name probably
to more articles of commerce than any
other city in the world. "Manila"
tobacco, cheroots, hemp, hats, paper,
matting, bracelets, and rings are just a
few of the things which remind people
in different countries of the capital of
the Philippines.

Vice-President Feng Kuo-chang
met with a nasty accident last week in
Nanking when driving. The horses took
fright at something and overturned the
carriage and the Vice-President injured
his arm against a piece of wood. In
response to a telegram, Dr. N. H. Bolton
left Shanghai for Nanking to attend to
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There are now over sixty competitors.

The Surgeon Superintendent of Police
Dr. Jordan has offered a cup for the
fourth best shot.

Entries close to-morrow.

It has been reported to the Police
that six armed men entered a house in
High Street, West Point, yesterday
wounded a woman and stole money,
jewellery and clothing to the value of
\$170.

THE COLONY AND THE WAR.

At this afternoon's meeting of the
Legislative Council H. E. The Governor
made a further statement on what
has been done by the Colony in the way
of contributions for war purposes.
The largest contributions in the Colony,
His Excellency said, are the gift of
\$3,000,000, raised by local loan
and the gift of \$2,000,000 paid out of
the revenue of the Colony. He alluded
to the proposed gift by the Chinese
community of \$1,000,000 to the Imperial
war chest for the current year and each
succeeding year of the war. Contributions
both direct and indirect to loans issued
by the Imperial Government have been very large. A sum of
£1,145,000 had been taken up by the Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation, and large sums
had been taken up by local companies
from funds available in London.

In addition, total of £862,624 had
been taken up in direct contributions by
873 contributors through the British
Banks in the colony, and a total of
\$13,284 Straits currency had been
contributed to the Malay and Straits
Leads by 99 contributors.

The amounts contributed to various
funds in aid of the War and to Charities
in connection with the war to
December 31st amounted to £64,192.

His Excellency also mentioned the
Hongkong and South China War Savings
Association which, though it had been
established only two months, had
already invested on behalf of its
members nearly \$200,000.

The statement mentioned all the
organisations working in a variety
of ways in connection with the war,
and concluded by an appeal for still
greater effort.

The full statement will be given to
morrow.

CANTON MATTERS AT PEKING.

A telegram to the Wah Tsai Yet Po
states that the Government has at
last sanctioned the proposal of the
Canton Government to procure from
the Bank of Taiwan a loan of two
million dollars. The Civil Governor
of Canton is instructed to make a
contract accordingly, but it must
provide that the management of the
Cement Works (which form part of
the security) shall not be interfered
with in any way.

H. E. Luk Wing Ting, Military
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TELEGRAMS.

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ANOTHER HOSPITAL SHIP OUTRAGE.

THE TORPEDOING OF THE "ASTURIAS."

LONDON, March 28.

The Admiralty announces that the British hospital ship *Asturias*, steaming with all navigation lights and all the distinguishing Red Cross signs brilliantly illuminated, was torpedoed without warning on the night of the 20th inst.

The military casualties were 11 dead and three missing, including a female staff nurse, and 17 injured.

The casualties among the crew were 20 dead, 9 missing, including a stewardess, and 22 injured.

The torpedoing of this ship is one of the achievements claimed by the U-boats in a German wireless press message:

LATER.

The s.s. *Asturias* was torpedoed at midnight.

The torpedo struck her on the quarter and damaged the rudder and hence went into the engine room, damaging the machinery and extinguishing the whole of the electrical illumination.

The vessel had landed 900 sick, and those aboard consisted of the crew, members of the Medical Corps and a number of nurses.

Distress signals were answered by a patrol boat, which towed in the *Asturias* and several boats with survivors.

Between 300 and 400 were landed thinly clad, and some of the injured. Three died after landing, while others were rescued by a destroyer and another patrol boat.

LATER.

There were about 100 women aboard then usual as many nurses whose term of service had expired were returning, eagerly anticipating a stay at home.

One boat capsized in launching. Some of the occupants were an hour in the water.

The survivors were most cheery. They were dressed in a most heterogeneous collection of garments—pyjamas, quilts, etc. Many had cuts on hands and feet.

Several members of the Medical Corps are missing, including three nurses.

The explosion was made the worse by the fact that the torpedo exploded in the part of the ship where disinfectants were stored, and the fumes of the chemicals were suffocating.

The bodies of the Captain and 24 medical orderlies were landed on Thursday morning. They were wearing lifebelts. Some had been drowned and some had died from exposure.

BRITISH SHIPPING LOSSES.

WHY ACCOUNTS ARE NOT PUBLISHED.

LONDON, March 28.

In the House of Commons, Dr. Macnamara explained that accounts of vessels sunk were not allowed to be published because it would give the enemy information otherwise unobtainable, but in all cases Lloyds and the owners were confidentially informed, and the latter communicated with the relatives of the men concerned.

FRENCH SHIPPING.

STEADY INCREASE IN DAILY ARRIVALS.

PARIS, March 28.

The average daily number of merchantmen arriving at French ports in February was 95. In the first fortnight of March it was 110; thence until the 25th inst. the number was 131.

A LOST DESTROYER.

LONDON, March 27.

The Admiralty announces that four officers and seventeen men were saved from the British destroyer which was recently mined and sunk in the English Channel.

AUSTRALIAN STRIKE SETTLED.

MELBOURNE, March 28.

The strike of the ironmoulders mentioned on March 21 has been settled after eighteen weeks. The men have been granted an increase of tannins a day. The employers have lost £25,000 through the strike.

THE AUSTRALIAN ELECTIONS.

SPEECH BY MR. HUGHES.

MELBOURNE, March 27.

Mr. Hughes addressed 3,000 people at Bendigo. The audience was most enthusiastic, waving flags, singing anthems and cheering the Allies.

Mr. Hughes' announcement that the question of compulsion might again be submitted to the electorate was continuously cheered.

Mr. Hughes eloquently appealed for whole-hearted co-operation and organized efforts to increase food and generally for the people to conduct the war by means of men, money and products. He urged producers to help the Empire and denounced the methods of the labour caucus and said that every loyal Australian was humiliated because the Senate labourites had prevented Australia's representation at the Imperial Conference.

In order to refute false statements, Mr. Hughes announced that the soldiers' vote on the Conscription referendum was 72,000 for and 58,000 against. This announcement was loudly cheered.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

IMPORTANT BRITISH CAPTURE.

LONDON, March 27.

Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters telegraphing to-day states:—The British have occupied the large village of Louhavenes, possession of which greatly improves our line between Roisel and Nurlu; also the small village of Equancourt, on the Tortille River, near where it falls into the Canal du Nord.

BRITISH GAIN THREE NEW POSITIONS.

LONDON, March 27.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We drove out the enemy at Louhavenes, Liermont, and Equancourt. We now occupy these places and have taken a number of prisoners.

The enemy's third attack to the north of Beaufort was temporarily successful but we recaptured the post, and re-established the position. Our fire drove out a raiding party to the east of Ploegsteert.

THE FRENCH ADVANCE.

MORE IMPORTANT POSTS CAPTURED.

LONDON, March 27.

The French communiqué reports:—We continued our advance south of the Oise in the lower forest of Coucy, of which we occupy the entire northern portion. The enemy has been driven beyond the Barisis-Servais line.

By a night attack we brilliantly carried the village of Concy-le-Chateau, south of the forest, which the Germans energetically defended.

In the region north of Soissons we captured a farm north-west of Margival and a point d'appui which had been strongly held by the enemy.

ENEMY'S VANDALISM.

OFFICERS' STARVING WIVES.

LONDON, March 28.

Reuter's correspondent at the French Headquarters refers to the enemy's waste of hundreds of tons of explosives in wanton destruction of medieval fortress—chateaux, militarily valuable and the blowing up of ancient ruins and monuments.

He also mentions that German officers offered liberated villagers ten francs for either a pound of coffee, rice, or lard, distributed by the American Relief Commission, in order to send to their starving wives in Germany.

GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, March 27.

A German official report, transmitted by wireless, states:—Main reduced the fighting on the whole of the west front to engagements north-eastward of Bapaume and Peronne. The enemy, after repeated fruitless advances, occupied Roisel.

Strong French forces came upon our reserves between the Oise and Concy-le-Chateau. We inflicted losses and gave way before a threatened encircling movement.

HUN BRUTALITY.

UNIMAGINABLE TREATMENT.

LONDON, March 27.

The Belgian Government has received letters from eyewitnesses describing the terrible fate of Belgian deportees in Germany. Their treatment is unimaginable. They are dying by scores of starvation, and are even eating rats.

BEST MEDICINE MADE.

A better medicine can not be made than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It relieves the lungs, opens the secretions, aids expectoration and assists nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Besides, it contains no opium and is perfectly safe to take. For sale by all Chemists and Storeskeepers.

THE BLOCKADE.

STATEMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, March 27.

In the House of Commons, replying to criticism as to the effectiveness of the blockade, Lord Robert Cecil declared that the tightening of the complete cessation of overseas imports into enemy countries. He admitted that the question of the home produce of neutrals adjoining Germany was much more difficult, and expressed the opinion that the only way to stop such exports to Germany was by agreement with the neutrals. For example, Norway had agreed to restrict her trade with Germany provided we supplied her with refined copper.

Lord Robert Cecil proceeded to show the steadily increasing diversion of the Danish and Dutch agricultural products towards England, instead of towards Germany, recently, and emphatically declared that Denmark had honestly endeavoured to carry out the terms of the existing agreement. He would be deceiving the country if he did not say that there was the greatest shortage of food in Germany as the result of the blockade; also of wool, cotton, lubricants and other necessities. He was disinclined to disbelieve the repeated and well-authenticated reports of food riots in Germany.

THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION.

ROYALTY SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT.

PETROGRAD, March 27.

Nine of the principal Grand Dukes and three Princes associated themselves with the views expressed by the Grand Duke Michael in the act of abdication, and have surrendered their appanages to the State. They have expressed their determination to support the Provisional Government.

GRAVE FOR REVOLUTIONARY VICTIMS.

Soldiers are digging a huge square grave for the victims of the Revolution in a prominent part of Petrograd upon which a monument will be erected.

THE THREATENED ATTEMPT ON PETROGRAD.

PETROGRAD, March 27.

Since M. Gutchoffs, warning of a likely German attempt on the capital, officers have been waiting in queues at the Commandant's headquarters and volunteering for the Riga-Dvinsk front.

U.S. ARMED LINER REACHES LIVERPOOL.

LONDON, March 27.

The steamer *S. Louis*, the first American armed liner, has arrived at Liverpool. The passengers included four ladies and five journalists. No German submarines were seen. In practice shooting, barrels with dummy projectiles were smashed at two miles range. The captain and an American naval officer were on the bridge seventy-two hours.

LATER.

The *S. Louis* was armed with two six inch guns one fore and one aft, and manned by selected gunners. She travelled direct through the danger zone unhampered.

FRANCE TO CALL UP 1918 CLASS.

PARIS, March 27.

The Chamber of Deputies has authorised the calling up of the 1918 class after Easter.

WITHDRAWAL OF FRENCH NATURALISATION.

PARIS, March 27.

The Chamber has adopted the Senate's Bill authorising the withdrawal of naturalisation from ex-subjects of enemy Powers.

THE EXPLOSION IN EAST LONDON.

REPORT OF THE ENQUIRY.

LONDON, March 27.

The Committee of Inquiry into the East London disaster, cabled on January 19, reported that the fire was preceded by an explosion, and that there is no evidence that the disaster was maliciously caused.

The Committee records that 69 were killed on the spot, and 98 were seriously injured, of whom 4 died. 328 were slightly injured, exclusive of hundreds triflingly affected.

MEDALS FOR VICTIMS.

It is announced that His Majesty the King has conferred the King Edward medal of the First Class upon Mr. Alcock, the chemist in charge, and upon Mr. Wenborn, the leading male hand, and the King's Police Medal on Police Constable Greenoff, who sacrificed their lives through remaining at their posts.

GERMAN REPORT.

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STRAITS SETTLEMENTS 6 PER CENT. WAR LOAN.

LONDON, March 27.

The Acting Treasurer, Straits Settlements, that the subscriptions to the Straits Settlements 6 per cent. War Loan now exceed £12 million dollars.

FRENCH SUCCESS IN MACEDONIA.

LONDON, March 27.

The Belgian Government has received letters from eyewitnesses describing the terrible fate of Belgian deportees in Germany. Their treatment is unimaginable. They are dying by scores of starvation, and are even eating rats.

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OPERATIONS ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

LONDON, March 27.

A German report states:—

We energetically advanced to the south-east of Baranovitchi. We stormed the positions on the west bank of the Schitshura, taking 300 prisoners.

We repulsed a Russian attack following on violent waves of fire to the west of Luck.

Strong French advances to the north-west of Monastir failed.

CANADA'S WAR LOAN.

OTTAWA, March 26.

Sir Thomas White, Finance Minister,

in announcing that the new loan of £30,000,000 had been over-subscribed by £20,000,000, stated that the applications aggregated over 10,000. The increase in small subscriptions was most gratifying. The result was a most notable and significant success for the Canadian people, and would be regarded by the outside world as Canada's greatest achievement in the war, next to the mobilisation and despatch of the overseas Canadian army. It would immensely change Canada's financial prestige and strengthen Canada's credit should Canada later have recourse to the foreign money markets. But Canada, if she chose, could do her own war financing.

The Finance Minister urged the Canadians to continue to save money to enable Canada to finish the war with the greater part of her debt held by Canadians.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

LONDON, March 26.

A meeting of the Union Waterboat Company, Limited, was held at the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co. Ltd., General Managers of the Company, at 11.30 a.m. to-day. There were present:—Mr. S. H. Dodwell, (Chairman) Messrs. R. Shewell, J. Jonckheer, A. H. Skelton, A. O. Lang, (Consulting Committee), Messrs. T. C. Nixon & G. Morton Smith (Secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, this meeting was called to formally confirm the resolutions passed at the Extraordinary general meeting held on 9th March with regard to the reduction of the Capital. I therefore beg to propose their confirmation as special resolutions.

The resolutions were (1) That the issued capital of the Company be reduced from £277,230 to £194,061 divided into 27,723 shares of 8/- each, and that such reduction be effected by returning (on such date as the Company's General Managers shall appoint) to the holders of the 27,723 shares that have been issued paid up capital to the extent of 83 per share and by reducing the nominal amount of each of the said shares from £10 to 8/-.

(2) That application be made to the Supreme Court of Hongkong to confirm the reduction of the capital of the Company in conformity with the foregoing resolutions.

The special resolutions were seconded by Mr. R. Shewell and carried unanimously.

AN OLD TRICK.

LONDON, March 27

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[By Professor T. G. MASARYK, THE
EXILED CZECH M.P.]

While the war progresses towards its third completed year there are men busy at work on another link in the railroad of death, the iron way which links up Berlin with Bagdad.

It is not an unflattering task to apply to this piece of "railway" construction, for the German dream of empire from Prussia to Persia envisaged a steel road connecting the Prussian capital with Mesopotamia, and in that sense we can speak of the war as having largely been waged to gain complete control as much of the Berlin-Bagdad railway as the corridor of States through which the track when finished is to run.

By the time peace is secured the railroad may well have cost Europe twenty million casualties, a price for the possession of a single line which the world is never likely to forget.

Though to the majority of English public, refuses to recognise Austria-Hungary as the enemy of England, and wastes time in speculating on such futile riddles as why the Kaiser left Vienna hurriedly. The fact is that unless the Austrian Empire is dissolved and Turkey driven from Europe, Germany will have won the war, since the extent to which Austria-Hungary and Turkey are preserved is in the measure of the assistance Germany can hope for in her next bid for world dominion.

That is the correct way to understand the significance of the railroad of death Berlin-Bagdad. Let the Germans carry their aims so far, and the rest of the Pan-German plan is only a matter of time.

Ambassador, when he was unable to give an understanding that German territorial claims did not extend to the French African colonies.

The Berlin-Bagdad scheme, aiming at the Near East, does not exclude ambitions in the Far East. Germany has worked very hard in Persia, and her agents have been busy in the country leading to China and in China itself.

Attention has just been drawn to the book in which the Great Desert is recommended to Germany as the key of Asia, from which the whole Far East India included, can be controlled, and the advice is offered to England and Russia themselves to take possession of this strategical area.

But if Germany is to be isolated from the Near East and the Far East, surely it is best to begin in Austria-Hungary, as outlined in the Allies peace terms for if by use of the resources of these two Powers that Germany could alone hope to gratify her lust for world dominion in any future war.

Unfortunately, a section of the British public refuses to recognise Austria-

Hungary as the enemy of England, and wastes time in speculating on such futile riddles as why the Kaiser left Vienna hurriedly.

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AMERICAN FINANCE.

FUTILE GERMAN TRICKS.

BY THE FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH."

NYC, FEB. 7.

With war between the United States and Germany imminent, Teutonic sympathisers here are devoting a considerable amount of energy to a similar propaganda, which aims at preventing the vast financial credit of this country being "extended" to the Entente Allies. The plots of the propagandists is that the United States should avoid all entangling alliances with Germany's present enemies, and, if war comes, that she should fight her battles single-handed by retaining her military and naval forces for home defence, and denying American credit to all foreign borrowers—in this case, necessarily, the Allies.

It seems hardly likely, however, that people here would be hoodwinked into aiming such a blow at the nations which, admittedly, are fighting their quarrel for them, while remaining in a merely nominal state of war with their enemy. The Wall Street Journal says:

To inflict such a stab in the back of the Allies would be an act of such intolerable perfidy which only the German mind, with its unusual conception of the good faith of a State, could have proposed.

Count Bernstorff is said to have admitted, when shown the bank records of America, shortly after the Lusitania was sunk, that to have such a vast sum of money put into the balance against his country would be fatal to Germany. Since then, the United States has loaned 2,000,000,000 dollars to foreign countries, most of which have gone to the Allies, and last November the American banks had a surplus of excess reserve of 1,016,000,000 dollars, allowing a credit expansion of from 5,000,000,000 dollars to 6,000,000,000 dollars.

Once Turkey became a vassal of Germany, and Austria-Hungary was "conquered," England was threatened in Cairo, South Africa, and India, and the danger of concentrating attention on the Berlin-Bagdad railway is that the British public may neglect the fact that the Kaiser when he looked to the East, cast his eye as far as Egypt, the place where the Pan-German advocates have persistently held Britain's world power as fatally vulnerable.

The war has provided fresh proofs of this African plan of Germany. Egypt appears to have regarded it as more dangerous than the German plan in Mesopotamia, which, in neither case did the Foreign Office before the war place any obstacle in Germany's way.

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Government.

The Wall Street Journal says:

By inviting the resources of the richest nation to be used against them, the Hohenzollerns have committed suicide. Prussian militarism is ended, and from the Baltic Sea to the Persian Gulf to Turk, Teuton, and Bulgar, must soon come the knowledge of a lost cause.

We have the three things which can be thrown against Germany most vitally, and they are moral credit

and the strength of the British Empire.

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All these are sure signs of clogging blood impurity, calling for immediate treatment through the blood, so don't waste your time and money on useless lotions and messy ointments, which cannot get below the surface of the skin. What you want and what you must have is a medicine that will get right to the root of your trouble, a medicine that will thoroughly free the blood of the poisonous matter which alone is the true cause of all your suffering. Clarke's Blood Purifier is just such a medicine. It is composed of ingredients which quickly attack, overcome, and expel from the blood all impurities (from whatever cause existing) and by rendering it clean and pure, can be called on to effect a lasting cure.

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THE MAGISTRACY.

THEFT OF BRASS.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning a coolie employee in the Taikoo Dockyard was charged with the theft of two pieces of brass.

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge, stating that he found the brass in a rubbish heap.

A gatekeeper, however, deposed that the defendant had attempted to leave the yard with the brass tied under his arms, beneath his jacket.

His Worship sentenced the defendant to six weeks' hard labour and four heavy stocks in lieu of the last day.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF RUBBER.

A marine hawker charged with the unauthorised possession of a quantity of raw rubber, reasonably suspected to have been stolen, was brought before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.

The defendant explained that he purchased the rubber from a man whom he met in the street, having paid the latter 4½d. for it.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of ten dollars.

CHARGED WITH POCKET PICKING.

In Mr. Melbourne's Court this morning a Chinese pleaded not guilty to the charge of picking the pocket of a passenger in a train.

It was alleged that whilst the complainant and the defendant were riding in a train the latter picked one of the complainant's pocket pockets of \$15. in bank notes and jumped off the car near the Western Market.

The complainant, however, discovered the theft and followed the defendant, catching him in Des Voeux Road West. Upon being seized by the complainant the defendant threw the stolen money on the ground, but the complainant summoned a constable and had the defendant taken into custody.

Evidence was heard and the defendant sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

ALLEGED FRAUD.

The case in which an Indian Police Reserve named Ea Kim, of No. 32 Portland Street, Mongkok, Yau Ma Tei, is charged with fraudulently converting to his own use on July 7th, 1914, the sum of \$2,275, entrusted to him by a Chinese woman named Lai Taze, of No. 15 Arunthot Road, who had given him the money to pay to the Ho Mun-Tin Housing Syndicate, was resumed before Mr. Melbourne this afternoon.

Mr. E. Davidson appeared as solicitor for the prosecution and the defendant was represented by Mr. R. F. Mattingly.

Evidence was heard and the case adjourned.

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1—Authorized Capital £50,000,000
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Paid-up Capital £2,477,670

2—Fire Funds £3,627,047

3—Life & Annuity Funds £7,667,990

General Fund Account £22,220

£22,710,587

Revenue Fire Branch £2,382,658

Life and Annuity £2,141,583

Revenue Marine Department £87,238

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£5,300,228

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HONGKONG TIDES.

The table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1887-90.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea level. To obtain the depth of water on the tidal gauge at the Victoria Harbour Head add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

March 30th to April 5th, 1917.

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